IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	
Ziegerson)	Art Unit: 1619
Application No. 10/553,003)	Examiner: Greene, Ivan A
Filing Date: August 15, 2006)	Confirmation No. 1281
For: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF EMULSION-BASED MICRO PARTICLES)	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 BALLARD SPAHR LLP

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2009, please amend the claims as set forth below and consider the remarks that follow. In that Office Action, the Examiner set a three-month period in which to reply, *i.e.*, by March 10, 2010. Accordingly, enclosed herewith is a Request for a Two-Month Extension of Time and the appropriate fee. Thus, this paper is timely.

Also enclosed with this response is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and the fee therefore.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.